

[English]

**Joint Pattas in the Name of Husband
and Wife under Land Reforms**

970. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued some directives for issuing joint pattas to husband and wife in all records pertaining to land and trees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of progress made in the country and in Orissa particularly; and

(c) the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken to ensure its strict implementation by the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Union Government have issued directives to the States/UTs. for the allotment of Government

Wastelands, Government land, surplus ceiling land, village common land, developed housesites, allotment of Indira Awas Tenelements and tree pattas in the joint names of the husband and wife.

(b) Information received from States/UTs. regarding issuing of joint pattas in land is given in the attached Statement-I

The scheme relating to Tree Pattas is in operation in the States/UTs of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Pondicherry. The scheme has recently been taken up in Orissa. Statewise information is given in the attached Statement-II.

(c) The issue relating to grant of pattas in the joint names of husband and wife has been discussed at various fora including Revenue Ministers Conferences of 1986 and 1988. The consensus of these conferences were sent to the States/UTs for necessary action. The States/UTs have been reminded from time to time to implement this programme.

STATEMENT - I

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| 1. Andhra Pradesh | : | Orders exist that all available land under land ceiling Act be allotted to women only. |
| 2. Assam | : | Action has already been taken. |
| 3. Gujarat | : | This is not considered necessary. |
| 4. Haryana | : | State feels that there is no need to make any change in the existing law because if husband and wife jointly apply for allotment they can be allotted surplus land jointly. However, under the existing law if only husband applies for the allotment of surplus land, the allotment is not made jointly in favour of husband and wife both. |
| 5. J & K | : | Matter is under examination. |

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| 6. Maharashtra | : | Joint pattas are given in the name of husband and wife. |
| 7. Orissa | : | Applicant should file application jointly. |
| 8. Punjab | : | -do- |
| 9. Tripura | : | -do- |
| 10. West Bengal | : | The State is examining issuing of Joint pattas, in the name of head of the family and spouse. |
| 11. Bihar | : | Necessary instructions have been issued. |
| 12. Delhi | : | -do- |
| 13. Pondicherry | : | -do- |
| 14. Tamil Nadu | : | -do- |
| 15. Uttar Pradesh | : | State Government is not in favour of implementing this recommendation. |
| 16. Himachal Pradesh | : | -do- |
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STATEMENT - II

Name of State/UT	1987-88			1988-89			1989-90			*1990-91		
	No. of Beneficiaries	Area Covered (in ha.)	No. of Beneficiaries	Area Covered (in ha.)	No. of Beneficiaries	Area Covered (in ha.)	No. of Beneficiaries	Area Covered (in ha.)	No. of Beneficiaries	Area Covered (in ha.)	No. of Beneficiaries	Area Covered (in ha.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
Andhra Pradesh	1450	2500	1340	1159	376	1364.10	547	889				
Bihar	29489	18700	30672	14305	32752	15845.187	—	—				
Gujarat	771	6745.70	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Karnataka	41	2030	325	—	729	—	—	—				
Madhya Pradesh	8608	2534	3463	788	—	—	791	260.30				
Maharashtra	533	689	111	118	151	273.67	151	273.67				
Rajasthan	—	62456	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Tamil Nadu	48561	3451.85	9699	12015	—	—	—	—				
Uttar Pradesh	31821	19276	34249	5434	19073	6397	1465	342.80				
Pondichery	—	—	—	—	4109	—	4103	—				

* Provisional figure. Additional Clarification called from the States / UTs